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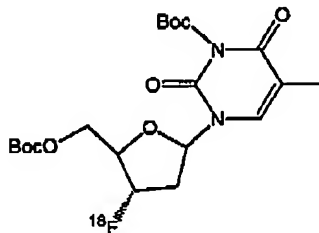
Applicant hereby authorizes the PTO to charge any and all necessary fees due, or provide reimbursements of excessive fees paid, to deposit account No. 19-2179.

Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested. Claim 39 has been amended to correct a minor typographical error. No new matter is added by the Amendment.

Claims 1-50 are in this application, Claims 1-38 and 47-50 having been withdrawn without prejudice. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue any withdrawn matter in subsequent continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part applications.

Applicants elect for examination the claims of Group IV, Claims 39-46, drawn to a method for preparing a radiolabeled compound as set forth in Claim 39.

The Examiner also required election of a species for examination, and Applicants further elect for examination the species as disclosed in Claim 39, shown below:



where, in reference to the generic compound of Claim 1, X is t-butoxycarbonyl (Boc), L is ^{18}F and is epimeric with respect to the attachment on the furanoside ring, and P is t-butoxycarbonyl (Boc). Claims readable on the elected species are Claims 39-41 and 45-46. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 39-46 are novel, and allowance of these claims is respectfully solicited. The present application is believed to be in prima facie condition for allowance, and an early action to that effect is respectfully solicited.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all of the claims are in proper format and are patentably distinct from the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance.

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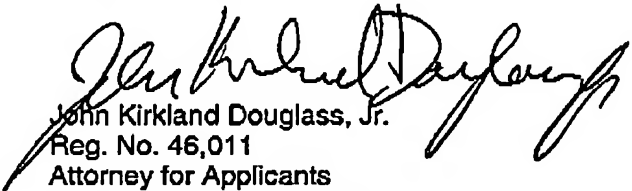
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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below with and questions concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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